



# **INSTRUCTIONAL PACKAGE**

PSC 215  
State and Local Government

Effective Term  
2021 - 2022

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## Part I: Course Information

Effective Term: Fall 2021/Spring 2022/Summer 2022

COURSE PREFIX: PSC 215

COURSE TITLE: State and Local Government

CONTACT HOURS: 3.0

CREDIT HOURS: 3.0

### **RATIONALE FOR THE COURSE:**

The course is designed to provide the students with the basic knowledge of how the American form of government is structured and the source of the American system of government. This course is also designed to acquaint the students with the role of the citizen in a participatory government.

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course is a study of state, county, and municipal government systems, including interrelationships among these systems and within the federal government.

### **PREREQUISITES/CO-REQUISITES:**

( COMPASS Reading 85 and COMPASS Writing 78) or ( ACCUPLACER Reading Comp 075 and ACCUPLACER Sentence Skills 081) or ( COMPANION Reading 075 and COMPANION Sentence Skills 081) or ( Multiple Measures English 1) or ( SAT Critical Reading 480) or ( ACT English 19 and ACT Reading 19) or (Credit level ENG 100 Minimum Grade of C\* or Credit level ENG 155 Minimum Grade of C or Credit level ENG 155 Minimum Grade of TC or Credit level ENG 101 Minimum Grade of C or Credit level ENG 101 Minimum Grade of TC)

\* **Online/Hybrid** courses require students to complete the [DLi Orientation Video](#) prior to enrolling in an online course.

### **REQUIRED MATERIALS:**

Please visit the [BOOKSTORE](#) online site for most current textbook information. Use the direct link below to find textbooks.

Enter the semester, course prefix, number and section when prompted and you will be linked to the correct textbook.

### **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:**

None.

## **TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:**

Access to Desire2Learn (D2L), HGTC's student portal for course materials.  
myHGTC and college email access.

## **STUDENT IDENTIFICATION VERIFICATION:**

Students enrolled in online courses will be required to participate in a minimum of one (1) proctored assignment and/or one (1) virtual event to support student identification verification. Please refer to your Instructor Information Sheet for information regarding this requirement.

## **CLASSROOM ETIQUETTE:**

In class:

As a matter of courtesy to other students and your professor, please turn off cell phones and other communication/entertainment devices before class begins. If you are monitoring for an emergency, please notify your professor prior to class and switch cell phone ringers to vibrate.

**Online/hybrid** course:

**NETIQUETTE:** is the term commonly used to refer to conventions adopted by Internet users on the web, mailing lists, public forums, and in live chat focused on online communications etiquette. For more information regarding Netiquette expectations for distance learning courses, please visit [Online Netiquette](#).

## **Part II: Student Learning Outcomes**

### **COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES and ASSESSMENTS\*:**

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Explain how state and local governments function as democratic institutions and the responsibility they have for domestic functions in the U. S.
2. Evaluate the diversity that exists in the politics and administration of state agencies and among local governments.
3. Outline the political and legal changes that have occurred in S. C. state and local governments and the significance of them.
4. Relate how state and local governments operate in the context of the American federal arrangement with respect to the shifting nature of the concept of federalism.
5. Examine how interest groups form, they role they play in society, and how they differ from political parties. Show examples of specific groups and the positions they take.
6. Interpret the demographic changes and spatial settlement patterns influence government and politics.
7. Defend a position on public policies affecting state governments and their citizens today.

\*Required Course Measures, Evaluation of Required Measures, Evaluation may be tailored and/or

modified by other full-time faculty or adjunct faculty. This is the suggested outline:

| Unit | Title and Chapters  |  |
|------|---|--|
| 1    | Chapter 1. New Direction for State and Local Government.<br>Chapter 2. Federalism and the States.   | Complete class activities, homework assignments, discussions and/or quizzes<br><br>Exam is on Part I   |
| 2    | Chapter 3. State Constitutions.<br>Chapter 4. Citizen Participation and Elections.<br>Chapter 5. Political Parties, Interest Groups, and Campaigns. | Complete class activities, homework assignments, discussions and/or quizzes<br><br>Exam is on Part II  |
| 3    | Chapter 6. State Legislatures.<br>Chapter 7. Governors.<br>Chapter 8. Public Administration: Budgeting and Service Delivery.                        | Complete class activities, homework assignments, discussions and/or quizzes<br><br>Exam is on Part III |
| 4    | Chapter 9. The Judiciary.<br>Chapter 10. State-Local Relations.   | Complete class activities, homework assignments, discussions and/or quizzes<br><br>Exam is on Part IV  |
| 5    | Chapter 11. Local Government: Structure and Leadership.<br>Chapter 12. Taxing and Spending.   | Complete class activities, homework assignments, discussions and/or quizzes<br><br>Exam is on Part V   |

***\*Students – please refer to the Instructor’s Course Information sheet for specific information on assessments and due dates.***

## Part III: Grading and Assessment

### EVALUATION OF REQUIRED COURSE MEASURES/ARTIFACTS\*:

Students' performance will be assessed and the weight associated with the various measures/artifacts are listed below.

#### EVALUATION\*

|   |               |
|---|---------------|
| Exams (2 to 5 Exams including Final exam if applicable) | 40%-80%       |
| Quizzes/Assignments/Discussions                         | 10%-30%       |
| Papers/Projects/Portfolios                              | 10%-30%       |
| <u>Class participation</u>                              | <u>0%-10%</u> |
|   | 100%          |

***\*Students, for the specific number and type of evaluations, please refer to the Instructor's Course Information Sheet.***

## **GRADING SYSTEM:**

The College adheres to a 100 point grading scale A = 100 – 90, B = 89- 80, C = 79 – 70, D = 69 – 60, F = 59 and below.

Grades earned in courses impact academic progression and financial aid status. Before withdrawing from a course, be sure to talk with your instructor and financial aid counselor about the implications of that course of action. Ds, Fs, Ws, WFs and Is also negatively impact academic progression and financial aid status.

The Add/Drop Period is the first 5 days of the semester for **full term** classes. Add/Drop periods are shorter for accelerated format courses. Please refer to the [academic calendar](#) for deadlines for add/drop. You must attend at least one meeting of all of your classes during that period. If you do not, you will be dropped from the course(s) and your Financial Aid will be reduced accordingly.

## Part IV: Attendance

Horry-Georgetown Technical College maintains a general attendance policy requiring students to be present for a minimum of 80 percent (80%) of their classes in order to receive credit for any course. Due to the varied nature of courses taught at the college, some faculty may require up to 90 percent (90%) attendance. Pursuant to 34 Code of Federal Regulations 228.22 - Return to Title IV Funds, once a student has missed over 20% of the course or has missed two (2) consecutive weeks, the faculty is obligated to withdraw the student and a student may not be permitted to reenroll. **Instructors define absentee limits for their class at the beginning of each term; please refer to the Instructor Course Information Sheet.**

**For online and hybrid courses**, check your Instructor's Course Information Sheet for any required on-site meeting times. Please note, instructors may require tests to be taken at approved testing sites, and if you use a testing center other than those provided by HGTC, the center may charge a fee for its services.

## Part V: Student Resources



### THE STUDENT SUCCESS AND TUTORING CENTER (SSTC):

The SSTC offers to all students the following **free** resources:

1. **Academic tutors** for most subject areas, **Writing Center support**, and **college success skills**.
2. Online **tutoring** and academic support resources.
3. Professional and interpersonal communication **coaching** in the EPIC Labs.

Visit the [Student Success & Tutoring Center](#) website for more information. To schedule tutoring, contact the SSTC at [sstc@hgtc.edu](mailto:sstc@hgtc.edu) or self-schedule in the Penji iOS/Android app or at [www.penjiapp.com](http://www.penjiapp.com). Email [sstc@hgtc.edu](mailto:sstc@hgtc.edu) or call SSTC Conway, 349-7872; SSTC Grand Strand, 477-2113; and SSTC Georgetown, 520-1455, or go to the [Online Resource Center](#) to access on-demand resources.



### STUDENT INFORMATION CENTER: TECH Central

TECH Central offers to all students the following **free** resources:

1. **Getting around HGTC:** General information and guidance for enrollment, financial aid, registration, and payment plan support!

2. Use the [Online Resource Center \(ORC\)](#) including Office 365 support, password resets, and username information.
3. **In-person workshops, online tutorials and more services** are available in Desire2Learn, Student Portal, Degree Works, and Office 365.
4. **Chat with our staff on TECH Talk**, our live chat service. TECH Talk can be accessed on the student portal and on TECH Central's website, or by texting questions to (843) 375-8552.

Visit the [Tech Central](#) website for more information. Live Chat and Center locations are posted on the website. Or please call (843) 349 – TECH (8324), Option #2.

## **STUDENT TESTING:**

Testing in an **online/hybrid** course may be accomplished in a variety of ways:

- Test administered within D2L
- Test administered in writing on paper
- Test administered through Publisher Platforms

Furthermore, tests may have time limits and/or require a proctor.

Proctoring can be accomplished either face-to-face at an approved site or online through our online proctoring service. To find out more about proctoring services, please visit the [Online Testing](#) section of the HGTC's Testing Center webpage.

The **Instructor Information Sheet** will have more details on test requirements for your course.

## **DISABILITY SERVICES:**

HGTC is committed to providing an accessible environment for students with disabilities. Inquiries may be directed to HGTC's [Accessibility and Disability Service webpage](#). The Accessibility and Disability staff will review documentation of the student's disability and, in a confidential setting with the student, develop an educational accommodation plan.

Note: It is the student's responsibility to self-identify as needing accommodations and to provide acceptable documentation. After a student has self-identified and submitted documentation of a disability, accommodations may be determined, accepted, and provided.

## **STATEMENT OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT:**

Horry-Georgetown Technical College prohibits discrimination and harassment, including sexual harassment and abuse, on the basis of race, color, sex, national or ethnic origin, age, religion, disability, marital or family status, veteran status, political ideas, sexual orientation, gender identity, or pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions, including, but not limited to, lactation in educational programs and/or activities.

## **TITLE IX REQUIREMENTS:**

All students (as well as other persons) at Horry-Georgetown Technical College are protected by Title IX—regardless of their sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, part- or full-time status, disability, race, or national origin—in all aspects of educational programs and activities. Any student, or other member



of the college community, who believes that he/she is or has been a victim of sexual harassment or sexual violence may file a report with the college's Chief Student Services Officer, campus law enforcement, or with the college's Title IX Coordinator, or designee.

\*Faculty and Staff are required to report incidents to the Title IX Coordinators when involving students. The only HGTC employees exempt from mandatory reporting are licensed mental health professionals (only as part of their job description such as counseling services).

## **INQUIRIES REGARDING THE NON-DISCRIMINATION/TITLE IX POLICIES:**

**Student and prospective student** inquiries concerning Section 504, Title II, and Title IX and their application to the College or any student decision may be directed to the Vice President for Student Affairs.

**Dr. Melissa Batten, VP Student Affairs**

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**Employee and applicant** inquiries concerning Section 504, Title II, and Title IX and their application to the College may be directed to the Vice President for Human Resources.

**Jacquelyne Snyder, VP Human Resources**

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